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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PROFESSOR RICHARD F. KOSOBUD

1. RICHARD F. KOSOBUD, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT THE U. OF ILLINOIS, CHICAGO, WILL VISIT IRAN DECEMBER 10-13 IN CONTEXT OF TRIP THAT WILL TAKE HIM TO THE UAE, KUWAIT, AND POSSIBLY, SYRIA PREPARATORY TO DELIVERING A PAPER AT THE DECEMBER 28-31 MEETING IN ALEXANDRIA OF THE ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS. USIA PROGRAMMING PROF. KOSOBUD DURING HIS TRAVEL.

2. KOSOBUD WISHES USE TIME IN TEHRAN TO VISIT, IN ORDER OF PRIORITY, OFFICIALS OF NIOC, THOSE IN VARIOUS GOI ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH OPEC AFFAIRS, OFFICIALS IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION, THE AEOI, AND THE MINISTRY OF

POWER. KOSOBUD WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS CARTEL BEHAVIOR AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ENERGY POLICIES OF THE OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES AND THAT OF THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY OPEC. OBVIOUS CONTACTS WOULD BE PERSONS IN RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE SAME TECHNICAL FAMILIARITY WITH ECONOMIC ISSUES INVOLVED BUT KOSOBUD WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS POLICY QUESTIONS, AS WELL.

3. WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE IF EMBASSY WOULD ARRANGE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS IN TEHRAN DECEMBER 11-12 FOR PROF. KOSOBUD AND WOULD ADVISE NEA/IRN OF APPOINTMENTS MADE. KISSINGER

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